

# The Brighter Tomorrow

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Text: V-25 — "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things?"

The picture we get on Easter in the life of Christ is quite different from that of the previous week. Last Sunday was Palm Sunday, and you recall the crowd that followed Christ cheering and praising Him. The story starts in Bethany with His close friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. The procession was not a mighty one with kings, chariots and booty. None of the fanfare of a great worldly leader. But the real King of Kings riding on an absurd little donkey.

As the procession starts its journey, the crowd begins to increase. From every side people join the crowd because they were enroute to the Passover. The crowd was merry and soon lyrical outbursts are heard: "Blessed is the king that cometh in the name of the Lord; peace on earth and glory in the highest." The atmosphere is infectious and moving. The religious leaders—Scribes and Pharisees, look frightened and frightened. They are afraid for their position and ask Christ to rebuke this spontaneous celebration. Instantly our Lord replies: "I tell you that if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out." This is a moment that destiny has arranged and nothing can prevent it. However, these religious leaders knew that this was something that had to be stopped and took steps to have Christ executed. Jesus had to flee for His life. From this event Christ went to keep the Passover with His chosen workers, the Disciples. During the keeping of the Passover, Judas deserted Christ and the Disciples.

Jesus left the Passover to pray in the Garden for strength to complete His mission. Jesus saw the events of the following days and knew how much depended on His being faithful to this tremendous task. So he prayed in the garden with these things on His mind. He saw far more than Jerusalem. He saw the murderer of Cain. He heard Cain's selfish question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" He saw Esau selling his birthright for a mess of pottage. He saw the great oppression of Egypt. He saw the sin of David. He saw the evil of Hebrew kings. He saw the fall of Samson. He saw the endless deterioration of human society. He saw Judas. He saw Calvary. He saw you. He saw the future generations. He saw the supreme tragedy of all times and ages: Men and nations who know not the things which belong to peace. This feeling and insight is what led Christ to say "Thy will be done and not mine."

We see Christ led from the garden to stand trial for His life for no crime at all. He was only being true to His mission of freeing mankind from the yoke of sin. The trial was nothing but a sham and they led Christ from the court to a place called Calvary. Here stood a cross. Jesus was placed on that cross and crucified. His death was not a debt He must pay to human society, but rather He was dying in our place. People mocked and made all manner of fun at Christ when He was on the cross. He could have avoided this suffering and shame, but he was faithful even unto death.

Now while some laughed and jeered, others were sad, dejected and greatly disappointed. They could not understand what was happening, nor did they realize the necessity of this suffering. Our Scripture lesson gave us a picture of how the Disciples reacted to Christ's death. They walked along the road and a stranger joined their mist. He unfolded to them the necessity of the death of Christ. He clarified the story of Mary's seeing the angel at the empty tomb. He was not there because He had risen. Then Christ appeared to her confirming the fact that He had risen from the dead. He spoke to Mary and said only one word—"Mary." She fell at His feet and acknowledged Him as the resurrected and living Lord. She called Him "Master." Then she ran to tell the others of the group who were sad and defeated, that the Lord had risen. He is not dead, but alive. She had seen Him with her own eyes. Christ then appeared to the Disciples and they, too, took on new life and courage to go ahead with the task of proclaiming God's love, mercy and forgiveness to all mankind.

From that first Easter morn until now, Christ becomes alive in the hearts of those who accept him. We see these dispirited men resurrected within and go forth with a new joy and power to live. They now have conquering faith and their hearts are no longer dismayed by the events of the past few days; they can see the kingdom of God in clearer and more meaningful terms. Actually, we hear one of them say—"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we

have need been so urgent in the families of the world. Before our very eyes the modern theories of marriage are collapsing in moral defeat. When Christ is enthroned in the home the family is equipped to face the uncertain future.

Christ offers His redeeming hand of fellowship to the churches. With civilization merrily going to hell there are still church leaders proudly pointing to big budgets and large memberships. Neither of these are wrong in themselves, but church leaders think in terms of super-institutionalism and not in helping mankind. It is not membership and machinery we need today, but a fresh experience with Jesus Christ. The people of our community need God and are anxious to know how they might find him. The world today is just as dark to us as it was to those who followed Christ to His crucifixion.

They were confused, torn and distracted. They had lost hope and almost ready to confess that they had been mistaken in the Christ. You remember Peter said that he would give up and say that he was wrong. In fact, Peter was returning to his former occupation of fishing. The gloom and darkness of Christ's death brought despair to the followers of Jesus.

However, on that Easter morning, there came that bright day! Jesus was not dead but alive triumphant over death, hell and the grave. From that first Easter morn until now, that risen life has been growing in reality, in intensity and in power upon this earth. Out of that life, and out of the words He spoke, comes the surest hope for all the rest of us that we, too, shall have our Easter morning, that the grave cannot hold us or our loved ones, any more than it held Him. We shall see again those whom we have "loved long since and lost awhile." Easter speaks to us again of a career, enduring and eternal. Even though our present world situation seems dark and gloomy, rest assured that the Brighter Tomorrow will soon come to us. Don't lose your faith or confidence.

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## Board Prefers 20-Year Bonds

W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, has recommended a 20-year bond issue for the Kings Mountain school district's new high school, but the board of education prefers a shorter term issue.

It is possible school officials, including the board of education's attorney J. R. Davis, will confer with Mr. Easterling on Friday and, if not, in the near future.

Superintendent of Schools B. N. Barnes commented, "The board of education prefers a shorter term, which would save money in interest costs, unless there are special reasons of which the board is not aware."

He said that County Auditor Max Hamrick is projecting a retirement schedule of not more than 20 years.

"Of course," Mr. Barnes added, "the board does not want a retirement schedule which would require more than the present 40 cents per \$100 tax valuation which is being assessed now and was indicated before the bonds were voted."

In forwarding the 20-year schedule, Mr. Easterling suggested that the Kings Mountain district might require more bond funds prior to retirement of the \$1.1 million issue soon to be sold.

In God, He will not fail you. He did not fail those who followed Him in His earthly ministry, and He will not fail you now. He will bring us out of darkness to light, if we will let Him.

## Agriculture in Action

### YOUTHPOWER DELEGATES NAMED

How can you get more miles to the gallon? On food, not gasoline. This is just one of the subjects that four outstanding North Carolina youngsters will be reviewing at the forthcoming National Youthpower Congress in Chicago. The event is slated for April 8-11.

The Tar Heel delegates, chosen from the ranks of the State's top youth organizations, will join nearly 200 of the nation's teenage leaders at the Congress. There they will get the complete story on nutrition and the food industry from leading food executives, educators and communications experts.

Selected to represent North Carolina's 4-H'ers were Larry B. Hancock, 17, of Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Miss Annette Fairless, 16, of Rt. 1, Colerain. The State's FFA envoy will be Miss Carroll Mode, 17, of Franklinton. Tarheelia's Girl Scouts will be represented by Miss Nancy Searcy, 17, of Rt. 1, Valdese.

Applicants for the expense-paid Youthpower trip are outstanding high school juniors who have completed special food and nutrition projects through their youth organizations. One of the 1964 delegates planned, prepared and served 137 meals to her

family. Another took a survey in two counties to determine the percentage of families consuming the recommended daily amount of milk. The 1964 delegates hold honors ranging from spelling champ to Eagle Scout, and have all shown themselves to be leaders in school and community.

Upon their return from the Congress, these emissaries for proper diet will pass the Youthpower message along to parents and fellow teens via speeches, newspaper, radio, television and magazines. An estimated 50 million contracts were made by 1963 Congress delegates from across the nation.

The Youthpower Congress is sponsored by the National Food Conference Association — an organization of 65 companies and trade associations representing all segments of the food industry. The program in this State is coordinated by the North Carolina Farm Bureau. Food-related industries in the State pick up the tab for the trip to the Congress.

NEWSBRIEF: Last year's food needs took only 19 cents of the U.S. consumer's take-home pay, as compared with 23 cents in 1953.

Congratulations: To the many who helped to get such a multitude of persons out for the first immunization in the KOPOLIO drive. N. C. Farm Bureau President B. C. Mangum is urging rural families to return to local points for subsequent doses of the live-virus vaccine.

OVERHEAD: Leaf companies may frown on MH-30 tobacco again this year. You can get around this by using MH-15 twice.

## The Veterans Corner

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—Are widows of veterans eligible for GI home loans?

A—Veterans' widows may be eligible for GI home loans if they meet these requirements: — they must be remarried widows of veterans of World War II or the Korean Conflict who died in service or after separation from service as the result of service-connected disabilities. Entitlement for World War II widows expires July 25, 1967, and for widows of Korean Conflict veterans January 31, 1975.

Q—Why is a so-called "C-Num-

ber" necessary in connection with veterans' benefits? Shouldn't the veteran's name and proof of service be sufficient?

A—There are many veterans (sometimes hundreds) with the same name and middle initial. Periods of service are often duplicated. A C-number (claim number) positively identifies the record of the individual veteran.

Q—Can a War Orphan who has his entrance into VA educational training delayed or interrupted by military service have his completion date extended?

A—Yes. He has five years from the date of his first release or discharge from military service in which to complete his training.

Although 136,000 veterans died during calendar year 1963 there remained 22,092,000 living veterans at the beginning of 1964, the Veterans Administration disclosed.

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